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## **News Release**

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### **Mayor proposes changes to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance**

LĪHU'E -- Two bills proposed by Mayor Bryan J. Baptiste that were recently sent to the Planning Commission could result in changes to the Kaua'i County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO).

One of the proposals calls for traffic calming elements to be installed on all newly constructed streets in residential subdivisions. At a minimum, speed humps would have to be incorporated into these roadways.

Examples of other elements that could be used include speed tables, raised crosswalks, chokers, chicanes, roundabouts, mini-traffic circles, median or landscape treatments which facilitate pedestrian movement, bicycle paths and school routes.

"In every Ka Leo O Kaua'i group across the island, speeding is a major concern that's been raised," said the mayor. "To address this issue, we decided to draft legislation that we believe will greatly reduce speeding in residential areas and ultimately save lives."

Having a traffic calming ordinance would also result in cost-savings because all the necessary elements would be in place eliminating the need to install them at a later date, the mayor noted.

Another benefit to enacting a law regarding this would be the time it would save because to go back and attempt to install a traffic calming device on an existing street would be a lengthy process involving a public hearing and due consideration, he added.

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The second bill recently introduced by the mayor would ensure that developers and other parties, who agree to conditions as part of receiving approval for their projects from the county, assume responsibility for providing legal notice of those conditions to future buyers.

“A number of situations have come up where conditions have not been met, and the property was sold without the new owner being informed about these requirements, therefore, the new owner is not legally bound to fulfill the conditions,” explained the mayor.

If the proposed legislation passes, the terms of any condition set by the county during the approval process would have to be recorded with the Bureau of Conveyance, making the terms transferable.

“Essentially what we’re doing is planning for the future based on lessons we’ve learned,” said the mayor.

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